

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES

- 1. Name of Board, Committee or Council:** Committee of Physical Therapy
- 2. Rulemaking hearing date:** October 17, 2006
- 3. Types of small businesses that will be directly affected by the proposed rules:**

- (a) Physical therapy practices who are seeking to employ a physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant whose Tennessee license is currently expired or retired; and
- (b) Physical therapy practices that are owned by licensed physical therapists; and
- (c) Physical therapy practices that pay initial licensure and renewal fees for their employees who are licensed physical therapists or physical therapist assistants.

- 4. Types of small businesses that will bear the cost of the proposed rules:**

The Committee anticipates the proposed rule amendments will reduce, rather than increase, small business expenses.

- 5. Types of small businesses that will directly benefit from the proposed rules:**

- (a) Physical therapy practices who are seeking to employ a physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant whose Tennessee license is currently expired or retired; and
- (b) Physical therapy practices that are owned by licensed physical therapists; and
- (c) Physical therapy practices that pay initial licensure and renewal fees for their employees who are licensed physical therapists or physical therapist assistants.

- 6. Description of how small business will be adversely impacted by the proposed rules:**

The Committee anticipates the proposed rule amendments will favorably, rather than adversely, impact small businesses.

7. Alternatives to the proposed rule that will accomplish the same objectives but are less burdensome, and why they are not being proposed:

The Committee does not believe there are less burdensome alternatives because the intent of the proposed rule amendments is precisely that.

8. Comparison of the proposed rule with federal or state counterparts:

The Board is not aware of any federal counterparts. However, the Committee's required fees are presently lower than most of the other health-related licensing boards. The fee reduction in the proposed rule amendments will widen this gap.